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News in Brief

MANHUNT ENDS ADJACENT TO TJC CAMPUS AFTER SUSPECT RUNS FROM TRAFFIC STOP

A manhunt by the marshal's office, aided by Tyler P.D. and campus police, concluded on Apr. 26 around 9 a.m. with the arrest of a suspect. The suspect was pursued and apprehended after fleeing from a traffic stop at the intersection of Bama Lane and E. Devine Street on the northern most edge of the campus. He has been admitted to the Smith County Jail.

SPA DAY HELD FOR RELAXATION BEFORE FINALS

Tyler Junior College held a spa day on May 2 in the library for students to come and relax in preparation for upcoming finals. The spa day included massage chairs, hand massages and backrubs.

MULTIPLE BUSINESSES LEVELED AFTER STORM

A tornado ripped through Lindale, Texas Apr. 29. That night the storm destroyed a Dollar General and Hibbett Sports just off of Highway 69.

OVER 130 ATTEND NATIONAL TRIO DAY AT TJC

Many East Texas college students came to Tyler Junior College for National TRIO Day. Sponsored by the East Texas TRIO Alliance and Kelly Community Federal Credit Union, the day consisted of a financial literacy fair.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION DATES ANNOUNCED

The orientation dates are: May 21, Jun. 23 and 24, Jun. 26 and 27, July 14 and 15, July 17 and 18, and July 21 and 22. All sessions will be held on the main campus.

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7 a.m., MWF	Mon., May 9	7 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.
9 a.m., MWF and 9:50 a.m. MW	Mon., May 9	9 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
11 a.m., MWF and 11:15 MW	Mon., May 9	11 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.
1 p.m., MW&MWF and 12:40 p.m., MW	Mon., May 9	1 - 2:50 p.m.
3:50 p.m., MW and 3:30 p.m. MW	Mon., May 9	3 - 4:50 p.m.
8:25 a.m., TR	Tues., May 10	8:25 - 10:15 p.m.
11:15 a.m., TR	Tues., May 10	11:15 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.
2:05 and 2:25 p.m., TR	Tues., May 10	2:05 - 3:55 p.m.
8 a.m., MWF and 8:25 a.m. MW	Wed., May 11	8 - 9:50 a.m.
10 a.m., MWF	Wed., May 11	10 - 11:50 a.m.
Noon, MWF	Wed., May 11	Noon - 1:50 p.m.
2 p.m., MWF and 2:05 and 2:25 p.m., MW	Wed., May 11	2 - 3:50 p.m.
7 a.m., TR	Thurs., May 12	7 - 8:50 a.m.
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12:40 and 1 p.m., TR	Thurs., May 12	12:40 - 2:30 p.m.
3 p.m., TR	Thurs., May 12	3 - 4:50 p.m.
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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Spring 2016

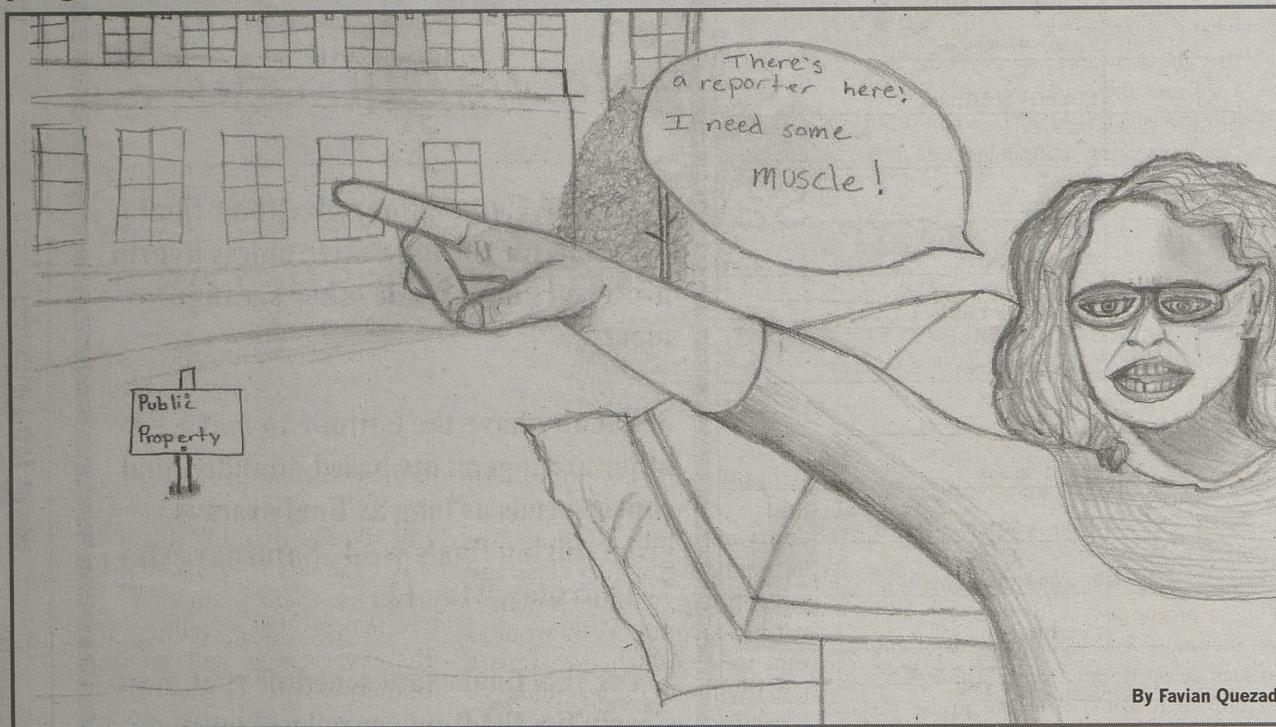
1. Hybrid Courses may give their final exams in the testing center unless hybrid professors have made other arrangements.

2. Faculty have the latitude to make other arrangements based on individual course needs as long as final exam is given during finals week, Saturday, May 7- Thursday, May 12.

3. Use this final exam schedule that most closely fits the time your class starts. Faculty will still have to check with all students in class.

4. If you have a conflict please contact your department chair or dean.

For more information go
tjc.edu/Finalexamschedule



By Favian Quezada

Sometimes a break is the smartest decision

Column

Most people are strongly against taking a year off because they have always been told it's a bad idea. Everyone believes that if you take a year off, the motivation to return to school will just disappear and all of the time, effort and money will have been wasted. Students grind away semester after semester and don't realize that, because they came to a junior college first, taking a year off is not a bad idea.

You can earn an associate's degree at a junior college like TJC. An associate's degree is my idea of a ticket to a year's vacation. It's a huge pause button on all of your hard work, because, unlike credit hours, you don't have to worry about losing some of it in transfer. So why not hit the button? Why not take this unique opportunity that you have given yourself? Take some time to breathe and think before spending thousands more dollars on the next step.

A year off can be several different things and used to your advantage. It can be the light at the end of the tunnel for those unsure what they are doing or a reward for the students who have given it a 110 percent and are tired.

Most people come straight to college after high school and



Haley Huston
Editor-in-Chief

school is all they really know. I can personally say that I'm tired. I took school through summer this past year and never really got that long break that a student is expected after an academic year.

All that school exhaustion just built up and, by this semester, my motivation was gone. Those breaks are a chance for you to evaluate yourself, go over how you did and determine how to improve and move forward.

Taking a year off can also be really beneficial financially. Going to work and school is hard, especially if you are going full time for both, but if you take a year off, you can really work full time or even two jobs and take some time to save up money. Generally after a junior college, most people transfer to a four-year university and the price difference is obvious. Most people in college have to worry about student debt, but by taking a little time to gather up a small savings, the debt you gather doesn't have to be so drastic.

Aside from saving up money, you can also take your time filling out the transfer paperwork and scholarship applications. Trying to take care of everything while trying to achieve your degree can leave you a little short on time, but if you have a year, you have extra time that might make the difference between success and a waste of time. This reduced stress will also give you more time to focus on classes while you are still in school and help your grades in the long run.

Aside from all the logical reasons, there are also some reasons you should just do it for yourself. I went to a journalism convention last spring and one of the workshops I attended was

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Reporting is not opinionated

Editorial

As members of the press, our intention is to report the truth. We are here to examine facts and present possibilities. It is not the nature of the press to interpret facts or attempt to present biased information.

Members of the press have been viewed as vultures, circling a scene ready to pluck at any situation and fill the newspaper or broadcast it. It is a nomenclature caused by some reporters using less professional ethics to present stories. It is not, however, the norm.

At times, there are stories presented in the paper that our readers construe as biased or one sided. We, as members of this organization of informers, should not, and in most cases do not, write stories with the intention of showing only one side of a story. But when the "other side of the story" is held by those who do not talk to press, it appears that way.

An accident involving a student who was driving and a pedestrian student on TJC campus, was immediately covered by members of the Apache Pow Wow news team. Onlookers, some of which were friends of one of the persons involved, berated and wouldn't speak with reporters.

These types of stressful situations can bring more bias toward the media. However, it must be understood that news in all its forms must be recorded as quickly as possible to avoid the degradation of truth that can sometimes occur with time.

Every source of information will be used to try and report events accurately, from police reports to nearby cameras. When eye witnesses tell their side of things, it only helps to increase accuracy.

This recent incident isn't just about one student who hit a pedestrian. It's about how bad the driver feels, what might have been done to avoid it, how hurt the pedestrian is, why did it happen and maybe it will shine a light on a potential safety issue at that location that needs a solution.

The media is here to inform, but we need help from our readers. We can only print or broadcast when we're informed. In any situation where a news reporter is covering a story, we need people to talk to us.

When we share a story, there is a section in each paper called "Letter to the editor." This gives our readers the chance to share their opposing or even agreeable viewpoints on any given story. It also gives the option of simply sharing their own nuggets of wisdom to everyone else. To send a letter to the editor, email us at tjcnews@tjc.edu.

Redshirt program may not be worth it

Column

Though the Tyler Junior College redshirt program looks promising, there is more than meets the eye when it comes to their so-called program. Some say TJC gives off false hope with its "redshirt program."

"I'm on the team, I don't know anything about the tryouts," said freshman forward Andre Brooks.

The redshirt program is a class where, theoretically, players would workout, build strength and IQ and become familiar with the team's play. Instead, the program or class, which would be more appreciated for the matter only, does a few drills for 50 minutes then each student is free to go, leaving very little time for any type of impression to be made on a coach.

"It's a long shot but it is a shot," said athletic director Tim Drain.

While kids are signing up every fall for the redshirt program, paying the registration fee to be in the class, nobody is giving them a real look to get on the team as the players are already selected and placed on the team months in advance. The players don't go through the redshirt class or tryouts.

Players here have no interaction with the redshirt program attendees, due to either lack of skill or because of they are given an unfair shot just so the men's basketball program will continue to not only get their money for the class, but an additional 20 dollars just to try out.

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about taking care of your self emotionally. The speaker talked about some articles she had done that included rape, child abuse and many more disturbing topics. When writing an article, you have to immerse yourself in the details and surround yourself in everything. Having those grim stories surrounding you regularly can quickly weigh you down. She had to learn when enough was enough and walk away from certain topics for a while to gather herself. This applies to college because it is such an emotionally draining time in our lives and sometimes we just need to walk away and gather ourselves to return and finish stronger.

This is also an amazing opportunity to get to know yourself. Some of us are in a very unique time in our lives in that we don't have extremely serious jobs, we aren't married or, in some cases, not even in relationships and we don't have kids. There is no reason not to just pack a bag and go. I could easily pack all of my things and move to College Station, Austin or even California. There won't be another time in your life when you can just pack up a car and go, like there is right now. You don't have to stay forever; it could only be for six months but

Even at the tryouts, potential players don't understand what is going on.

"We didn't get to warm-up or anything, they just threw a ball out there and we just played a game. It was just a pickup game. They didn't tell us the score we were going to, they just said they



Nick Vaughn
Sports Editor

were going to watch us. They weren't specific in any way," said Aaron Wooten, a non-TJC student who tried out.

There isn't a coach that can get anything from only looking at pickup games for three hours on a Saturday afternoon. And with hundreds of kids coming to such an open tryout every year by TJC, one would think there would be a more precise way to obtain players if the coaching staff was really looking to add talent to the roster.

"No, they didn't say a word. I literally walked up to him, coach Edwards, and 'he said y'all done

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why not go? Go before you have house payments and kids and obligations that tie you to one place.

Part of leaving high school was this excitement that anything was possible and life was finally ours for the taking, but it took a minute to get our footing and, now that we're standing, it still is. Go, take your life and just have a year or six months that you really live. It doesn't have to be backpacking across Europe, but why not take a 3-day weekend to see the Grand Canyon, or get on a train to go up North for a night or finally go barhopping on Sixth Street.

Everyone can say it is a bad idea and that if you take a year off you'll never come back, but you know how much you have already invested in college and I say you should take some time to invest in yourself. Take a year off to get to know yourself, be selfish, be reckless and have something to think back fondly on when you're up till midnight in two years, studying for a big test. Breaks are good, just consider it a little power nap in life.

the inbox

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Saying goodbye to TJC harder than it seems

Dear Editor,

When I first came to TJC, I didn't want to get involved with anything. I wasn't exactly kind and making friends wasn't very fun. Nothing was better than going to class and going home, without saying a word to anyone. Why would I want to get attached to a place that I will end up leaving?

After two years, I realized how wrong I was. I never thought I would learn as much as I did here. Now I'm getting ready to move to Alabama to finish my education and start a new adventure. I often wonder what my future will be like.

Will I be successful?

I guess it depends on my definition of success.

At first, I was excited to know that I was getting closer to moving to one of my

favorite places in the world. Not very many people would admit that about Alabama. I assume it will be a very bittersweet moment.

What will happen to all of my friends that I've made at TJC? I'd hate to think that I'll never see them again.

People keep telling me that everything will be fine. Sometimes, I believe them. Other times, I just think it's false hope. I keep hearing people who have graduated from good schools say college is pointless and it's hard for them to find jobs. Is that really true? I like to think it depends on the major.

I guess I'll just have to take the leap and find out for myself.

Alexis Long



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Out-of-district students soon to pay a higher surcharge

By Haley Schukei
Staff Writer

Out-of-district students will be paying more to attend TJC this fall after the Board of Trustees voted to increase the out-of-district surcharge fee.

At the board meeting on March 31, TJC President, Dr. Mike Metke addressed the consideration of tuition and fees for Fall 2016.

"The out-of-district surcharge is well below where it should be in order for these students to pay their fair share. We tried to hold back as much as possible for our students, but the state has reduced funding over time, and next year appears to be very gloomy with unemployment in Texas up and both oil prices and sales tax revenues down," said Metke. "We are worried the state will be issuing significant cuts and community colleges, which already we're underfunded, will be very hard pressed to fulfill our mission."

The out-of-district surcharge fee is assessed to the students who live outside of TJC's taxing district, meaning their families do not pay TJC property taxes.

"It is a relatively modest, user-specific, increase of \$5 per semester credit hour," said Metke.

The increase to non-resident tuition in the spring was based on the out-of-state residency of the student. Tuition increased \$3 per semester credit hour and accumulated a little over \$20,000 additional tuition revenue.

"During the budget process, many variables are reviewed that impact the institution as a whole and the various departments and programs individually, as well as any local, state or federal mandates."

-Sarah Van Cleef
Vice President of Financial and Administrative Affairs

Non-resident students live outside of Texas and include international students. Non-resident students pay a higher tuition rate of \$53 per semester credit hour versus the \$30 per semester credit hour that out-of-district students pay.

The projected revenue to be collected from the out-of-district increase is approximately \$540,000 for the entire budget year of Sept. 1, 2016 to Aug. 31, 2017.

"There have been six tuition increases for in-district and out-of-district students since I have been at TJC," said Vice President of Finance and Administrative Affairs Sarah Van Cleef, who has worked here for almost 17 years.

"During the budget process, many variables are reviewed that impact the institution as a whole and the various departments and programs individually, as well as any local, state or federal mandates," said Van Cleef. "Once the review is completed, a recommendation is made to the Board of Trustees for their consideration."

According to Van Cleef, the increases are typically pretty modest and non-frequent.

Over the years, the funding from the state has steadily declined while the student population has increased along with the services offered to students.

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TJC Dual Credit helps prepare high school students to get their degrees faster

By Irene Campos
News Editor

High school senior Elizabeth Horton will graduate from Van High School on May 27, having already completed an incredible thirty-one college credits.

Horton has already enrolled in TJC's radiology tech program and will know whether or not she will be accepted by the first of August.

This was all possible because of TJC's Dual Credit program.

"Dual credit is when high school students can take college classes and get both high school and college credit," said Stephanie Mayo, Coordinator of Dual Credit Enrollment. "It works in several different ways. We have students that take classes here on the TJC campus, and we have students that take classes on their high school campus. They must meet with their high school counselor and make sure first that the class they want to take will count for dual credit."

High school students who complete dual credit not only rack up a lot of college credits earlier, but can cut a semester or multiple semesters off their college career. This means they can graduate quicker with less college debt under their belts.

When asked why she wanted to complete dual

credit, Horton said, "I chose to enroll in dual credit courses because in essence it gave me a head start, a head start that I knew not everyone would have. I also wanted to better myself, and taking the more difficult college courses helped not only expand my knowledge, but aided in preparing me to be a full time college student."

There's no question that attending college is

"I thrive on knowing that the knowledge I am attaining is readying me for my future career."

-Elizabeth Horton
TJC Dual Credit Student

like a job in itself. But, headstrong students like Horton will ease into college life more smoothly, thanks to dual credit preparing her for what college will be like. "I thrive on knowing that the knowledge I am attaining is readying me for my future career. Things are taught in a way that is



Photo by Irene Campos

STEPHANIE MAYO Stephanie Mayo, Coordinator of Dual Credit Enrollment, stands outside the dual credit office where she helps students obtain college credits while still in high school.

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George Tefteller molds minds with mathematics for 50 years

By Carl Speaks
Copy Editor

Add a love of teaching with charm, patience and respect, then multiply that by fifty years and it will equal George Tefteller, professor of mathematics at TJC.

"I had a degree in math – a master's -- and the other opportunities that involved having a degree in math didn't appeal to me, so I decided to give it [teaching] a try and I liked it. I've been here since 1967," said Tefteller.

The advent of technology, such as the graphing calculator, has made math easier for both the teacher and the student, according to Tefteller. On the other hand, he teaches online classes as well, but prefers the hands-on experience of classroom learning. The biggest advantage is getting questions answered quickly.

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but prefers the hands-on experience of classroom learning. The biggest advantage of which, is that students get questions answered more quickly.

Answering questions is one thing he doesn't have a problem with. Former students on ratemyprofessors.com have great things to say about him.

One student wrote, "He doesn't go over things too fast, will always help if you have a question and gives plenty of examples ... his lectures aren't boring either." Another student wrote, "One of my fav math teachers and I hate math. He is extremely helpful ... he's seriously one of my fav professors at TJC." These are just a couple of the many similar testaments to his success as a teacher.

Another former student, Lorri Lay, is now a professor of Mathematics at TJC. She said that she had him for Modern Math and remembers him saying, "It's the hardest thing you'll ever

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completely different than regular high school," said Horton.

For students contemplating whether or not they want to complete dual credit or just go straight in, Horton has a few pro tips for completing dual credit while still in high school:

1) It is like a perfect practice session for college. Learn how college works while also raising high school and college GPAs- if you commit and study, study, study.

2) Dual credit courses are substantially cheaper than a normal college course. So by taking these courses you are saving yourself, and

your parents a nice chunk of change.

3) Dual credit truly is the key to being ready to tackle college head on. You get the chance to get your basic core courses out of the way, then you're already ahead of those who are starting with no college credit hours. In any case, having all of my credit hours had made me eligible for my desired program. With good luck, I can enter the program, earn my degree and certifications, then enter the work force prepared and ready to go.

For more information about dual credit, go to Jenkins room 106 and ask for Stephanie Mayo.

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"There are limited avenues that the college can pursue to offset the decline in state appropriations," said Van Cleef.

Since the state reimburses based on enrollment, there is hope that at the next legislative session, the state will not cut any more funding than it already has.

Student/Employee Lanyard Policy:

1. **Lanyards must be worn around the neck while on campus, and the ID card must be clearly visible at all times, unless it should be removed for safety reasons or an approved ADA variance.**
2. **Any lanyard is acceptable, but it must be similar in design and worn in the same manner as the official college lanyard. The color of the lanyard is not critical.**
3. **No one will be allowed into class without wearing his or her ID/lanyard.**
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Student leaders recognized at 9th annual banquet

Banquet awards outstanding students and faculty members for contributions to the school

Julia Contarelli
Student Life

The 9th annual Student Leadership Banquet, held at the Green Acres Baptist Church on April 21, gathered organizations and recognized students with awards.

"It was really nice that they honored the people that actually put in work at school on the daily stuff," said John Connor Haverkamp, a member of the Sigma Alpha Pi.

The organizations given awards were; Apache Activities Council, Apache Pow Wow, Baptist Student Ministries, Catholic Campus Community, International Education Club, Sigma Alpha Pi, Wesley House and Student Senate.

John Connor was the Vice President for the Sigma Alpha Pi, he resigned his position because of classes and work but, even being a member, he still checked in on the Organization and helped as he could. He got the Leader of the year award.

"It was really nice of them to acknowledge that I did my best while I was there," said John Connor.

Dr. Tim Drain talked about the importance of being an Apache, the value that being part of this college represents and he affirmed more than once that he was proud of everyone in that room.

The Student Leadership Selection Committee consisted of; Allen Arrick, Karen Cooper, David Funk, Nidia Hassan, Jason Knicey, Hazel Mendez and Ryan Taylor.

The pamphlets on each tables had a special thank you to some organizations and people, "A special thank you to: Dr. Juan Mejia, Dr. Tim Drain, Belinda Marks, George Faber & friends, Creative Services, Green Acres Baptist Church, Campus Police, Erica Thurman, Tamika McCullough and Center for student Life & Involvement Staff ... without all of you, this night would not be possible. A special thank you to those who nominated our students, faculty and staff."

The Tyler Junior College 9th annual Student Leadership Banquet finished with a bow by the students and staff after a speech from Dr. Tim Drain.



Photo by Rob King

FIVE BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS receiving awards at the 9th Student Leadership Banquet. From left to right: Courtney D. Pickett, Advisor; Erica Thurman; Leadership banquest committee; Mar'kel Dupree, events coordinator; Jade Perry, President; Janae Perry, Vice President; and Jessica Hayden, Secretary.

The Glass Recreation Center; not the average gymnasium

Dailon Smith
Staff Writer

Hidden behind numerous trees, in the deep north side of Tyler lies The Glass Recreation Center where lifting weights and running on treadmills is not the only way to burn some unwanted fat.

"The Glass is kind of like a diamond in the rough," said Ann Santana recreational supervisor at The Glass. "People don't know about The Glass a lot because it's in the historical north part of Tyler. When they first conceived the idea, it was a great need for the community. I don't see this as a fitness center, I see it as a community center."

With a full-length basketball court, a lake for fishing and an indoor workout facility, the recreation center is located on W. 32nd St. near Woldert Park in Tyler. The large building was built in the spring of 2001 and now has from 1,500 to 5,000 members, depending on the season. Membership is \$30 for

Tyler residents \$50 for out-of-town residents. Members get access to all of the indoor facilities.

"We try to make [the members] feel welcome when they walk in, by being on a first-name basis with them and really just trying to make them feel at home," said Staci Lara, Glass Recreation Center employee. "We always try to talk to them and ask them their opinion about what type of activities we should offer for them."

The center offers everything from weight rooms to basketball courts and some unusual ways to get active. The Glass hosts events and activities throughout the year for anyone who is interested.

"The Center does a little bit of everything we host events like twilight Easter egg hunt that brings over 1,000 kids each year, as well as, hosting activities like pickleball, American karate, and the Nite Hike," according to Santana.

Pickleball was created in 1965 in Seattle Washington when two dads were baby-sitting their children and needed an activity

for them to play. They grabbed paddles and a wiffle ball and headed to the volleyball net where they created the new game, "pickleball". The game is a combination of pingpong, badminton and tennis. Players use a larger sized pingpong paddle, a wiffle ball, and a net that is lowered to the ground.

"When I teach other people how to play the game, I use the technique, 'the kitchen,'" said Santana. "It's like when your mom told you to stay out of the kitchen, it's the same concept. You only go into the kitchen if you are trying to get a ball back over the net."

The center hosts pickleball games from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday. It's free to all members and non-members.

Of the activities that the center hosts, there is the annual "Nite Hike" at the Tyler State Park. The event encourages families to strap on their best walking shoes and bring a flashlight for an

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Apache band looking for students to join

LaDaisha Brown
Staff Writer

Anyone who is a music major or was once in their high school band, should look into joining the Tyler Junior College Apache Band. There are currently 175 students in the Apache Band and there is no limit on how many can join.

Freshmen can go on to the TJC website and click on the Apache Band, where there are two forms to fill out.

The two forms are an information request form and band director recommendation form. Once the

"The directors here at Tyler Junior College helps you get ready for the real world and builds you up to the best you can be with your music career."

-Michael Craig
Sophomore at TJC, plays 3 different

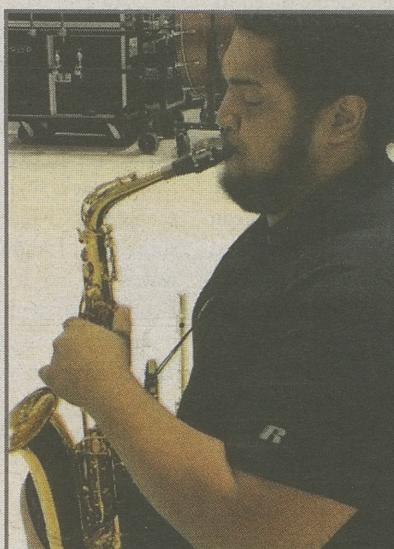


Photo by LaDaisha Brown
PLAYING SAXOPHONE Music major and Sophomore, Michael Craig practices saxophone at TJC.

to come back to the band may do so, even if it's been more than a year since leaving. These students would be run as a new student and would still have to go through the audition process. The band department would also check former records to verify a minimum 2.0 GPA and that there are no financial holds on

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adventurous hike through the dark woods of Tyler State Park to witness all the unseen things that happen during the night. This year's hike took place on April 9.

American Karate is taught at the center from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays. For \$60, participants can train with Robert La Mont for almost three months. La Mont owns 13 other studios in the East Texas area. The American Karate class is open to ages 5 and up, where they will focus on studying the art, sport and self-defense aspects of karate.

"We also have karate tournaments

and host a ninja camp here twice a year where we bring the kids out on a Sunday afternoon and set up stations for them where they get to throw ninja stars, go through obstacle course, and play with fake nunchucks," said Santana.

The Glass Recreation Center is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and will be hosting different events throughout the rest of the year for the whole community. For more information on The Glass and its events and activities visit parksandrec.cityoftyler.org.ptas.

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An advertisement for Southside Bank. It features a woman with glasses pointing upwards, thinking about getting cash fast on campus. The text includes information about the bank's convenient ATM locations and a list of three locations: The Nursing & Health Sciences Center, The Rogers Student Center, and The West Campus. The Southside Bank logo and website are also included.

TJC president faced death while stranded at sea

Lost in the ocean, Metke fought with sharks and faced hypothermia

Haley Schukei
Staff Writer

Diving into the ocean on a routine spearfishing trip, Dr. Mike Metke, TJC's president, had no idea he would be using that spear to fight off sharks while stranded at sea for nearly 30 hours.

On Saturday morning, June 20, 1987, Metke, at-the-time president of the scuba diving club in the Rio Grande Valley, along with a few friends, set out on a spearfishing adventure.

"Sometimes I ask myself, if I only had a short time to live, is this how I'd spend it? All of us are really short-timers in the grand scheme of things," said Metke. "That experience from 20 years ago was intense enough to forever etch some lessons in my mind."

Fully aware of the harsh weather conditions, Metke refused to waste the time he spent travelling to the oil platforms, where he would be fishing and dove in anyway.

"When you've gone out 20 miles on a boat and you've

spent hours getting there, it's really hard to say 'you know what, I don't think I'm going to go today,'" said Metke.

Metke decided to take a chance that nearly ended his life. He helped the other two divers get in first and made sure they were safe. Once they went under water, Metke dived in.

The two other divers later admitted that they never were able to let go of the rig and actually spear fish. They couldn't let go because the current was so strong.

Once Metke dived in, he was separated from the others, again, because of the strong currents.

On the other side of the world, Metke's wife, Donna, and daughter, Jennifer, were in Vienna as part of a European study group. Donna was awakened at 2 a.m. and informed that her husband had gone scuba diving and was missing at sea. She quickly made arrangements for another teacher to take over the group of students she was leading and left immediately with Jennifer for the airport.

Somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico, Metke was fighting off a 5-foot tiger shark. A small amount of blood from an injury on his toes kept the shark interested for hours, even as

Metke jabbed at it with the spear point from his fishing shaft.

"By the time the shark gave up, hours later, it was getting dark and I was still far from shore," said Metke, in an article written in 2007, posted on nwnews.com.

As Donna and Jennifer flew across the Atlantic, they were cold, crying and shaking underneath a pile of blankets on the airplane and ruining an otherwise pleasant flight for their fellow passengers.

Metke began to realize that hypothermia was setting in.

"I would need to cover over 40 miles, and short of more shark attacks, hypothermia would become my biggest threat to survival," Metke said. "Because I had planned to go for a short dive, I hadn't worn my wetsuit. The eight- to 10-foot waves felt like ice as they pounded over the top of me, and I continually had to spit water out through my snorkel. My mouth grew full of sores from the rubbing of the mouthpiece. Shivering gave way to the hypothermia and intermittent hallucinations."

It was the middle of the night and he had been in the

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Family Learning Center as a tool for TJC Early Education students

Emily Attebery
Managing Editor

"Look Mommy, watch me!" yelled one little girl bobbing back and forth on a green frog spring seat, running around her are countless other toddling children. Colorful decorations and nearly a hundred people chatting and laughing fill the Family Learning Center of Tyler's playground for their annual picnic. This is one event the FLC uses as a family fun occasion for their children, families, students and workers. The FLC has been a tool for TJC's Early Education students since 2007 and has been a place of learning for the young children who attend.

Fifteen years ago, before the FLC existed, Lynn Sitton came to TJC and noticed it did not have an open lab class for the early education degree. She knew of other schools with education labs and understood the importance of having one. Six years later, Sitton founded the FLC. She realized what makes it special for TJC is the fact that they did not have one before.

However, Sitton says that "I don't like to take credit for that."

The FLC partners with TJC, TISD and the Literacy Council. All of the employees that work at the FLC are also TJC employees. Children who attend the center come from



Photo by Emily Attebery

FLC STUDENTS playing with the hats they received from the Apache Pow Wow staff after a Royal Reader section, when a volunteer reads a book to the kids.

different backgrounds and places -- their ages range from 6 months to Pre-K.

"We have a lot of students that their parents are teachers at Tyler ISD or All Saints or over at TJC. Anybody can come here," said Carroll McGlaun the FLC Director.

The children are taught "active play" according to McGlaun, where they are exposed to items, toys and lessons that help "build their brains to learn, their bodies to learn, social skills and communication skills" because "you don't start learning in Kindergarten, you start learning before you're born."

Lessons and toys alternate. They could be learning about dinosaurs one moment and camping the next.

Wendy Duncan, Senior Project Coordinator of Facilities and Construction at TJC, said the FLC has been very beneficial for her 4-year-old daughter, Alexis.

"They put good education and social skills in the kids so that when they come out, wherever they're going from the Family Learning Center that they have that foundation of having had a really good experience in the world," said Duncan.

Duncan said that another likable trait the FLC possesses is the class size, large enough to have diverse interaction, yet small

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enough that each child is treated as an individual.

According to McGlaun, "We're a quality daycare, our children always come first."

The FLC does not only work as a daycare, it is also a lab class for those involved in the Early Education degree at TJC. An education lab class is similar to one for Biology or Chemistry, where students get hands-on experience at what they're taught in class.

"If you're in the classroom and you're listening to what you're being taught, it doesn't register until you actually see it. They can tell you this, kids are going to do this or do that, and this is developmentally appropriate or whatever, but until you see it, you're like 'what does that look like?'" said Heather Tennison TJC student who has taught at the FLC for 4 years.

TJC student Sharunda Casel, who has taught at the FLC since 2015, says that she was, at first, nervous about working there, but once she interacted with the kids and they got use to her, it's become a great experience.

TJC student Reshontia Mayfield, who has taught at the FLC since 2014 feels like people become part of a family there, and everyone is willing to help. She said she loves working with the kids.

"They even ask for you when you're not here. They ask 'where's miss so-and-so?'" said Mayfield.

"The environment – it's so family oriented, and when you walk through the doors you can just feel the love. It's so soothing."

-Sharunda Casel
TJC student, teaches in FLC since 2015

Casel and Mayfield believe that they've learned values, flexibility, always put the children first, have patience with them and always be there for them. The lessons and advice they've received from Mrs. Sitton, Mrs. McGlaun and everyone who works at the FLC, they say are loving and caring people to model after.

The daycare is open for anyone who would like to place their child there. Prices range from \$125 a week for the older children, \$135 a week for 6 weeks to 18months old.

"Their doors are always open."

-Reshontia Mayfield
TJC student, teaches in FLC since 2014

There is also a \$150 enrollment fee and waiting list which can hold up to two years.

Mrs. McGlaun said there have even been people known to make a spot on the waiting list before they were pregnant. They also suggest parents tour the facility before making a decision to place their child there.



Photo by Emily Attebery

ROYAL READER EVENT A person is selected to read a book for the kids in the Recreation Center each Wednesday.



Photo by Emily Attebery

A CLOSER LOOK
Favian Quezada, a news reporter, volunteered to read on the Wed. April 27.



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Sheriff debate



Photo by Emily Attebery

The Criminal Justice Student Association's Smith County sheriff debate between incumbent Larry Smith (left) and candidate Chris Green (right) took place in the Apache Rooms on Feb. 18.



Tennis champs



Photo by Zack Vaughn

Elizabeth Bagerbaseh heads up the TJC women's tennis team. Both the men's and women's teams have moved to No. 2 in ITA rankings.

#Flashback

A look back at what semester has been



Candlelight vigil

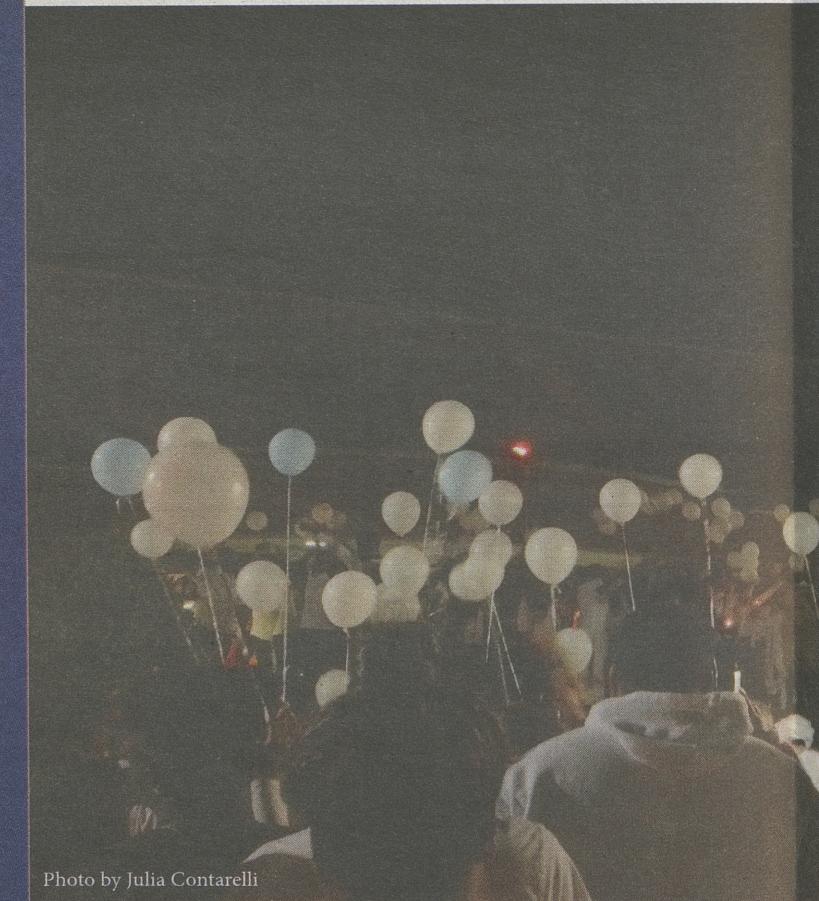


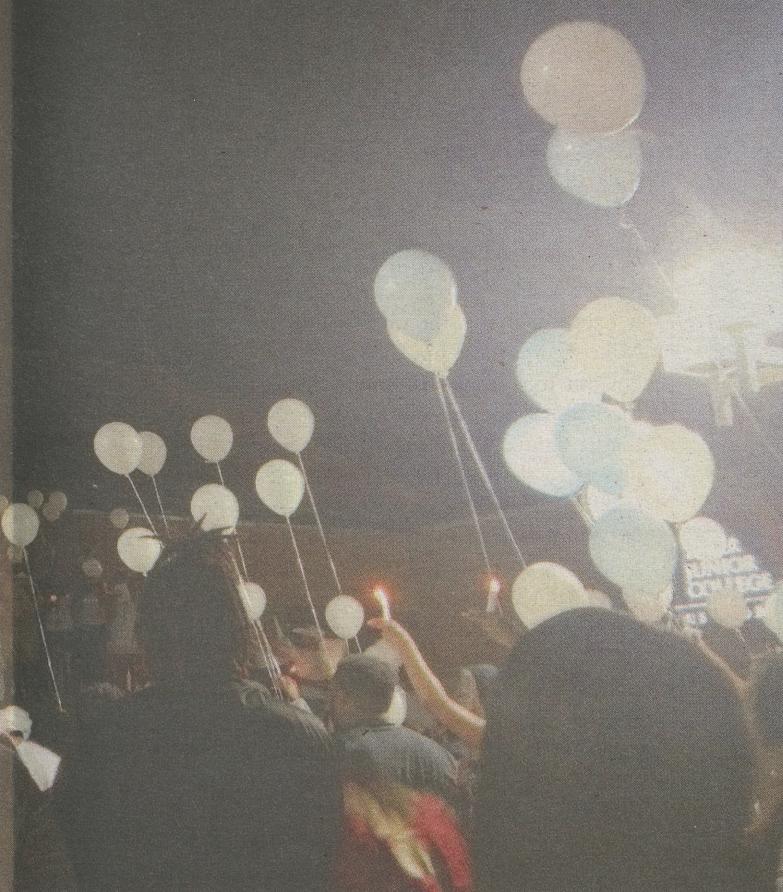
Photo by Julia Contarelli

TJC student body gathered in front of Rog of freshman Apache Chief, Dexter M. Willie, passed away on March 26th from a car wre



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Rogers Student Center to mourn the deaths
of Kyle, 19, and Kristopher Ephraim, 17, who
died in a car wreck in Panola County.



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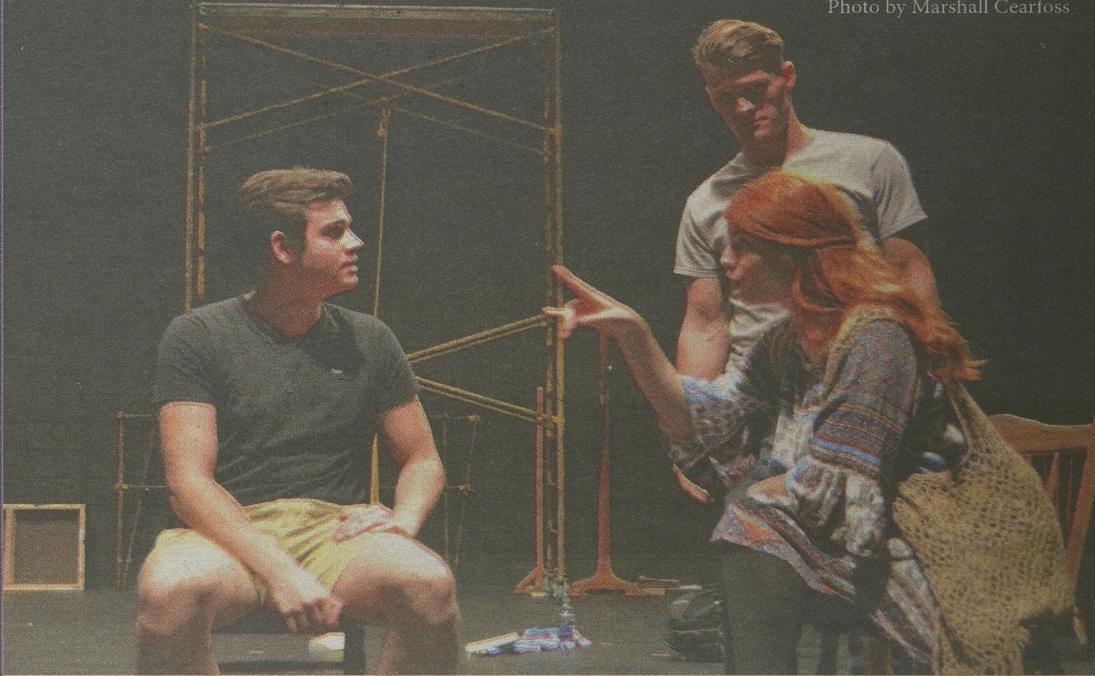


A large group of people of diverse ethnicities and cultures are gathered for a group photo. They are standing in several rows, with some sitting in the front. The background features a large banner with the text "JUNIOR COLLEGE" and "INTERNATIONAL DAY". Numerous American flags are displayed prominently behind the group. The people are dressed in a variety of casual and semi-formal attire.

Photo by Alejandra Hurtado

The International Club hosted the 26th annual International Day in the Apache Rooms on April 19. International Day provides an environment of cultural enrichment.

My JJC News Theophilus North



Two actors are performing on stage. One actor, a young man with short brown hair, is sitting on a low platform, looking off to the side. The other actor, a young man with long brown hair, is standing behind him, gesturing with his hands as if speaking. The stage has a simple set with a wooden frame and some equipment visible in the background.

Photo by Marshall Gearfoss

TJC theatre department presented Theophilus North and The Drowsy Chaperone as their main-stage productions this spring.

TJC men's tennis team ranked number three in the nation

By Autumn Avina
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College Men's tennis team are recognized for their outstanding performance they had in their tournament in San Antonio. Being ranked number 3 in the nation Player Ciro Lampasas explains the team's struggles for this season, while having young players.

"We previously played the #1-#2 team in the country losing to them both 5-4" said Lampasas Tyler Junior College men's tennis player, and all-region player. "We are right there with them just got to get over some hurdles, and really get down and focus"

Being a young team this year has some advantages and disadvantages. Reasons like chemistry is a disadvantage because the team is trying to build it right now. As far as being young it gives the team some more athleticism. Coach Dash Connell shines some light on the situation and how he makes it work.

"This past week in our tournament really showed how young we are but it also showed the potential we have with our sophomore Lampasas being a good captain to look up to, and how he tells the freshmen what they need to do as if he were the coach." said Coach Connell.

With the score tied 4-4 it came down to Lampasas last match to try and save the team. Unfortunately it wasn't enough for the win against the #1 team in the nation, allowing it to become 5-4 in the end.

"I couldn't pull it off, I just looked at my coach with sorrow, but I had to remind myself that I am the captain, so I picked my head up" said Lampasas.

Losing two top ranked teams in the nation leaves you with what if's in your head after that. Those what if's had Coach Connell realizing that it was the chemistry between his players that needed some work.

"After the loss it was heart breaking because I know this team has too much talent and too let chemistry try and stop it. I just wasn't having it, so I have them play with each other for about hour and a half everyday now" said Coach Connell.

"We previously played the #1-#2 team in the country losing to them both 5-4."

-Ciro Lampassess
Current player, Men's tennis

From practicing for only an hour the team now has an hour and a half of scrimmage and another hour of regular practice. Player Lampasas stays after practice even though practice is over with the loss he had, he doesn't want that feeling again.

"You know when you see a baby cry because they don't have

their diaper changed or their hungry. Well I'm that baby and I'm not going to stop until I get that win against the 2 ranked teams in the nation" said Lampasas.

Having extra workouts, putting more focus into the team's chemistry Coach Connell is confident in his team for next week's matchup against Texas A&M University.



Photo by Nick Vaughn

LENDING A HELPING HAND Former TJC men's tennis player Mario Jacovljevic comes back to help out the men's and women's tennis teams in preparation for the NJCAA nationals on May 15-20



Photo by Nick Vaughn

SERVES UP Ciro Lampassess practices overhand serves in preparation for the national NJCAA tournament for TJC men's tennis on May 15-20

Men's basketball needs new coach

Column

A sports team has a certain window to win and be successful, no matter if the team is currently in a rebuilding year growing for the future or they are only a couple of games away from winning a championship, the line has to be drawn somewhere. No coach should be able



Nick Vaughn
Sports Editor

to just coach without any type of consequence on his or her season. Which is exactly what is happening with the men's basketball coach, Mike Marquis. He has been the head coach at TJC for 15 years, yet has only managed to reach the national tournament one time. Now, if all that is wanted of a coach is to get some of his players to the next level, then coach Marquis is doing a fine job. But teams generally want to win games and bring home championships, something that has not happened for the men's basketball team.

Given the amount of success at TJC with all the other sports teams, men's basketball should have no excuses. There have been countless players and assistant coaches to come through TJC, yet head coach Marquis has stayed through it all, despite losing seasons and subpar performances by players on the court. When your students of the campus have no faith in the team before the season even starts, not giving TJC a chance against certain schools on the schedule and when your own fan base does not believe, then something has to change. All the sports teams have access to the same resources as others, yet other teams seem to thrive while men's basketball program continues to struggle. And something needs to be done.

If over course of many years, one team isn't successful, the team may be to blame. But when nearly every team over the course of years isn't successful, who else can be to blame, if not the coach?



Photo by Ben Savallo

ROUNDING HOME BASE Bridget Gleason throws a strike to get the runner out. As the lady Apache softball team defeats Kilgore College 8-0 which brought the teams then record to a 47-1 overall. Currently the softball team is on their way to nationals in only their second season together.

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Softball has a near perfect season heading to nationals in second year

Benjamin Savallo

Staff Writer

Softball, being the unpredictable sport that it is, may have helped the TJC Apaches make history.

With the Regional Tournament finally here and the regular season coming to an abrupt end, TJC's softball team is not yet finished.

"It's fun. It's starting to get to the point where you're kind of amped up going into the regional tournament," said Head Coach Nicole Dickson.

TJC Apaches have been nothing short of successful in just their third season as a program. Flashback to this time last year and these ladies were getting ready to call it quits on their first eligible season. Last year, the team exceeded the expectations this program had for them. They went a healthy 39-18 overall but only 18-10 in conference play. They just missed the National Tournament and came in third in the region.

In their region, a team would have to finish in the top two to enter the tournament, and just behind Blinn and Navarro by two games last year, the lady Apaches fell just short of their goal. With all freshmen last year, there wasn't anyone on the team itself to take that leadership role that every team needs to be successful. But flash forward to the beginning of this season and it's a whole different story.

"We're really shooting to go; to finish top two and go to the National Tournament this year and I think we have the talent to do it," said Assistant Coach Audrey Farfan.

At the beginning of this season, TJC was nowhere to be found in the NJCAA D1 pre-season rankings and nobody outside the TJC organization really knew what to expect from this team. Now that they have that leadership they've been looking for in the form of seven returning sophomores, this team was ticking like a bomb waiting to explode into one of

the more elite offensive teams in the nation.

The offense helped boost this Apache team to top rankings according to the NJCAA statistics website. Throughout the first 16 games this offense was first in home runs, RBI's, runs scored and became the second ranked team in the nation overall.

This team became the team to beat and it was starting to look as if it wouldn't be done. But then came a double header against Weatherford College to put a halt on the idea of a perfect season.

In the first game the defense gave up 11 runs to Weatherford, the most amount of runs TJC has ever seen from any opponent. But in the second game against Weatherford, TJC looked like they hadn't skipped a beat, came back stronger with a 7-1 win to finish up the series. Coach Dickson believes it was for the best, calling it a "reality check," that they needed to stay hungry. It seemed that giving up so many runs lit a fire under this defense. Now undefeated in conference with a 24-0 record and now ranked first overall in the nation, the defense seems impenetrable.

With the regional tournament in sight, they're looking to be the only team in their region to finish undefeated in conference. And since this team's defense is starting to pick up the pace alongside the offense, they're a shoe-in for the National Tournament.

TJC has now become the most dominant team in the nation because of the power shown on both sides of the field. With that being said, they had a near perfect season. Which means anything can happen in this sport we call softball.

The Apaches lost a game that, on paper, they should've won and won handily at that. Slip-ups happen, and in the National Tournament all it takes is one to send a team home packing. But like Coach Dickson said, at the end of the day, it's the team that's the strongest mentally that will be left standing.

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Men's Soccer

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Men's Tennis

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Women's Soccer

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For more information on scheduling games or teams go to: Apacheathletics.com

Megan Cumbee heads the new Rusk Promise Scholarship

Alexis Long
Staff Writer

Most students that are involved in a scholarship program know Megan Cumbee.

And chances are, she knows them too.

In fact, those who've spent any amount of time in the scholarship offices on the second floor of White Administrative building probably noticed her in her well-lit office, talking with a student or have heard the sound of her fingers swiftly tapping on her keyboard.

Cumbee is currently the coordinator for Scholarship Recruitment and Retention. She works with the Rusk Promise Scholarship and the Presidential Honors Scholarship.

Whether she's checking emails, going on a Starbucks run with her co-workers or making trips to Rusk, Cumbee always has the student's best interests at heart.

"The students that I work with are some incredibly talented people who are willing to push themselves to achieve their goals, and I am completely honored that I'm able to wake up every day to an awesome job," Cumbee said.

While attending Rusk High School, Cumbee was in the same boat as most people; She had no idea what she wanted to pursue after graduating.

That changed when she began East Texas Baptist University. Cumbee, following her passion for helping the people around her, began pursuing a degree in Communications.

After graduating from ETBU in 2012, a colleague advised her of a job opening in Admissions.

"It was like a weight had been lifted off of my shoulders, especially since I loved helping students with college issues," Cumbee said.

After working for ETBU for two years, Cumbee was promoted to Senior Admissions Counselor.

"I was so thrilled to be promoted because it really let me know that I had achieved the goals I set out for," Cumbee said.

But sometimes, we all miss being closer to home.

"I started looking for jobs closer to home after I didn't see myself growing there anymore," Cumbee said.

In June 2014, Cumbee was hired as the scholarship coordinator at TJC.

"The job was brand new on campus, and it was basically created to facilitate the Rusk Promise Program," Cumbee said.

Cumbee started working with students in the Presidential Honors Scholarship soon after.

Although Cumbee enjoys working with the Presidential Honors Scholarship, which is given to students who ranked in the top ten percent of their high school class at the completion

of their junior year, she said the Rusk Promise Scholarship really helped boost her creativity.

"I am more of a 'Let me step in and take over what you have already created', but I had to use my creative side and really think outside of the box for the program since it was a brand new thing," Cumbee said.

The Rusk Promise Scholarship was established in February of 2014 and is one of only 23 Promise programs in the United States and the first such initiative in Texas.

The scholarship provides Rusk graduates with up to \$4,000 per year for two years. Students must graduate in the top half of their class with a minimum of 2.5 GPA.

TJC student, Elizabeth Norman, said she didn't consider TJC at first.

"I didn't exactly know where I was going to go to college, but then I realized that I qualified for the scholarship and it really paved a great path for me," Norman said.

On top of the requirements to be eligible for the program, Cumbee requires monthly meetings with each student to make sure they are keeping up with their grades and stay on track.

"I'm incredibly grateful that she [Cumbee] is in charge of us because she really does care about every one of us and wants to see," Norman said. "And to be honest, I really don't want to let her down."

TJC hosts annual children's summer camps starting in June

Rachal Gilbert
Verve Editor

For over 30 years, Tyler Junior College has hosted a variety of summer camps for ages 4-18.

These camps go through the entire summer and run Monday through Friday. These family fun camps are lead by camp staff and cost \$59 and up.

There are over 20 camps to choose from and offer everything from babysitting courses to high tech health career.

All camps are lead by paid adult staff and all high school sports camps are lead by TJC coaches.

If camper plans to be there all day, a supervised lunch option is offered and must be preregistered for. All camps must bring a healthy snack and drink every day and a swimsuit and towel if their course

requires it.

Some camps are overnight camps and require campers to bring a set of twin bed sheets, a blanket, pillow, shower curtain towels and toiletries to stay in the TJC residence halls. Any campers who drove themselves will be required to turn in their keys upon arrival. Camps fill up very quickly and are approaching fast.

"This year the most popular camps are Cookies, Cupcakes and Games, LegoWeDo: Robotics for younger kids and Incredible Stuff," said OHPE director Heath Stoner.

Cookies, Cupcakes and Games and Archery are both already filled.

Camps start in early June and preregistration is required. Camps can be paid for over the phone at 903-510-2900, online www.tjc.edu/SummerCampsReg or in person at TJC West Campus.

Summer camps currently being offered

App adventures	World of Chemistry	Video Game	Animation
App Attack	French Foil	Minecraft	Watercolors &
Art Around the World	Fencing	Animators	Acrylic Painting
Art of Photography	Fun Music with a Hammer Dulcimer	Minecraft	Wood Working
Aquatic Camp	Improv Comedy	Designers	& Sculpting
Babysitting Basic	Incredible Stuff	Minecraft	Apache Youth
Training Bootcamp	Introduction to High Tech Health	Modders	Football
Broadway Camp	Careers	Open Water	Apache Baseball
Camp Illusion	Jewelry Camp	Scuba	Apache Men's
Chess Camp	LEGO Film & Stop Action	Pencil, Ink and Charcoal	Basketball
Code Breakers	LEGO WeDo:	Petite Picassos	Apache Ladies'
Comic Book Creation	Robotics for Younger	Art Camp	Basketball
English/Western	Nurses	Robotics Camp	Apache Soccer
Horsemanship	Little Pony Express	Rocket Science43	Apache Softball
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		Space Camp	Volleyball
		Table Tennis	
		Video Game	

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do." She laughed and added, "But, he made it easy."

"As his colleague, he's gone out of his way to make sure I feel welcome and make sure I know what I need to know, and the things that I need to be a new faculty member," said Lay.

Current and former students and colleagues all seem to agree that Tefteller is a friendly person who doesn't seek accolades. He simply loves to teach.

Department Chair and Professor of Mathematics, Chris Chappa said, "He is always willing to help students outside of class. If I walk by during his office hours, there's a student in there."

According to some, he is also a very snappy dresser and a stickler for the rules.

"He's very punctual. He's always able to get things done when they need to be done," said Chappa.

Floyd Starnes, Professor of Mathematics and Engineering recalls, "When I first started working here, no one told me the rules. The first day that I taught here, I didn't erase the board

and left. Five minutes later, he [Tefteller] came and asked me if I was just in the room ... he made me come and erase the board before he would begin his lecture."

Starnes also said that Tefteller is a great tennis player and really loves the sport.

One of Tefteller's fondest memories was during a National Men's Tennis Tournament, he and his wife volunteered to be host family to the team from

Dupage, Illinois. "Getting to know them, and them knowing me - we developed a friendship," he said.

His greatest accomplishment, he laughs and says will be making it to 50 years. He's worked for four different presidents, eight or ten deans and four

to five department chairs, and he's gotten along with all of them.

Once retired, he plans to do volunteer work, travel and exercise more. He also plans to "drink more coffee with my friends," he said. He plans to retire once his 50th year is completed.

"He is always willing to help students outside of class. If I walk by during his office hours, there's a student in there."

-Chris Chappa

Department Chair and Professor of Mathematics

"As his colleague, he's gone out of his way to make sure I feel welcome and make sure I know what I need to know, and the things that I need to be a new faculty member."

-Lori Lay

Professor of Mathematics

Band

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accounts.

Any student who joins the band will most likely receive a scholarship. Depending on what instrument spot the band needs to fill may determine who will get a scholarship first.

To keep a scholarship, students must make a C or above in all scholarship requirement classes. For non-music majors, students who would be in marching band class. If a music major, a C or above in all music major courses is required. This in addition to maintaining a 2.0 GPA.

The Apache Band hasn't gone on any recent trips. However in the past they have taken many. Some of the places visited by the band include Paris, Japan and Hawaii. There might be an upcoming trip next spring according to the director, Jeremy Strickland.

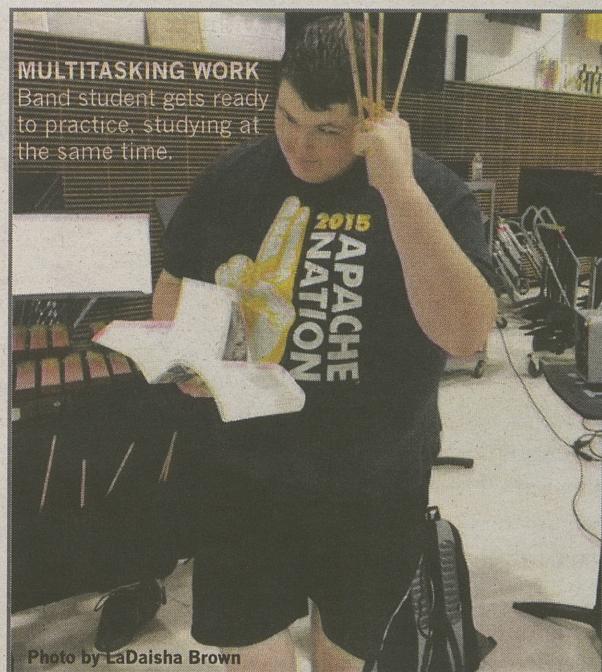


Photo by LaDaisha Brown

Here, Kitty, Kitty Keanu: Key and Peele's low-key comedy

Movie Review

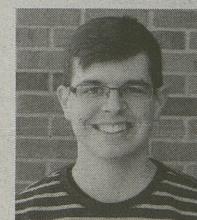
Going into the theater, I was anticipating Keanu to be the most obnoxious pile of sexual jokes and annoyingly timed slaps, but I was pleasantly corrected.

Knowing Key and Peele's style, the fact that this wasn't a mindless comedy actually impressed my typically serious movie preferences. But it was still a comedy, nonetheless.

This film is an example of what I wish more comedies would begin to look like. It had plenty of raunchy sexual and racial jokes, but it didn't seem like they were inserted (hehe) into the storyline just for the hell of it. In a lot of cases, it felt like they were jokes and comments that would simply show up in normal conversation. Of course, there were still a few over-the-top jokes, but not as many as would be expected for a film of this era.

The acting was where it got a little choppy. When they were acting "normal," they actually were very convincing and realistic. But whenever they were trying to "fit in" (those who see the movie will know what I mean) it

got kind of stupid. If you're going to make a film with very convincing, realistic acting, you should and can keep the acting (even if it isn't the character's natural role) consistently



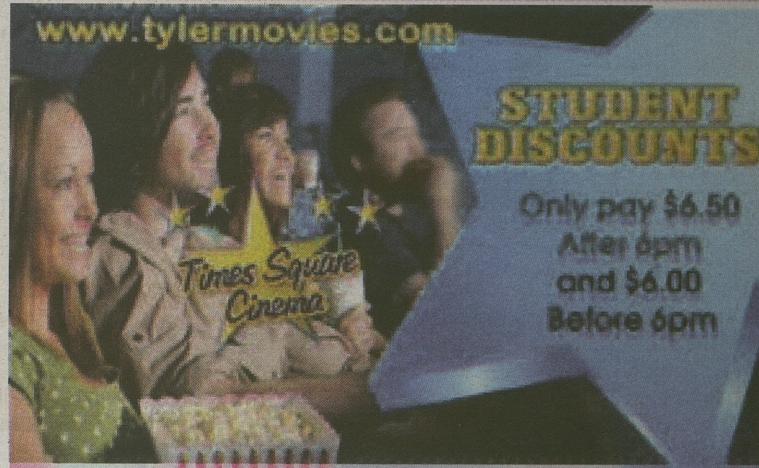
Marshall Cearfoss
Online Editor

realistic. Realistic and funny aren't inherently opposites. But this movie assumed that any funny moments needed to be accompanied by rather juxtaposition acting.

The storyline was sadly the most ridiculous aspect of this film. To summarize: one scene involved three gangs shooting each other over a cat... That's about all you need to know.

To conclude, although there was an obnoxious plot and iffy acting, I was actually happy I watched this film.

I'd like to thank Times Square Cinema for making this review possible. When you come to the ticket counter, tell the clerk that you are part of a kitty smuggling gang, watching the movie for "research."



Accidente en una vía de intersección en TJC; ¿De quién es la culpa?

Por Alejandra Hurtado
Editora en Español

En Abril 22, un estudiante de Tyler Junior College fue golpeado por un automóvil mientras cruzada la avenida S. Mahon y la calle E. Lake.

Justo 9:04 A.M, el día 22 de Abril, Elizabeth Marie Spiva de 22 años y estudiante de TJC conducía su automóvil de marca Suzuki, a la curva e intersección de calle E. Lake a la avenida S. Mahon, al frente del edificio Pirtle Technology.

Según los reportes policiacos, el brillo de sol obstaculizó la visibilidad de Spiva quien terminó golpeando a Cailin Chapman Jense de 19 años, otro estudiante de TJC.

"Me alegro de que no hubieran heridos graves."

- Randy Melton
Jefe de policía, Tyler junior College

Por otro lado, Jense quien venía caminando por la calzada este de la avenida S. Mahon en dirección al sur, el decidió pasar hacia la otra calzada, sin embargo, según el reporte oficial de la policía, Jense no cedió el paso al automóvil de Spiva quien terminó golpeándolo.

Mas tarde, Jense fue trasladado al Centro

Medico del Este de Texas (East Texas Medical Center). "Me alegro de que no hubieran herido graves" dijo el jefe de la policía del campus de TJC, Randy Melton, "sin embargo esto se puede evitar si se presta mas atención."

"No hay ninguna señal de pare en esta intersección."

- Randy Melton
Jefe de policía, Tyler junior College

Este es un punto concurrido en el campus de Tyler Junior College no solo por estudiantes quienes se dirigen a tomar clases al edificio de Pirtle Technology o quienes vienen a comer a Subway; sino también, esta curva es la entrada a los parqueaderos de la facultad y muy cerca se encuentra la zona frecuentada por fumadores.

"No hay ninguna señal de pare en esta intersección, el tráfico en dirección este por la calle Lake debe tomar a la izquierda, en dirección norte, girando en esta intersección," información proveída por Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report, "no hay marcación de cruce peatonal en esta intersección."

"La señales de tránsitos son reguladas por la ciudad de Tyler, y no por el Tyler Junior College, ya que estas son parte de las vías públicas" dijo el policía Melton.

Según Melton, hay muchos quienes tienen la percepción errónea de que los peatones son



Fotografía de Julia Contarelli

LA POLICIA LLEGO PRONTO AL LUGAR DE LA ESCENA El 22 de Abril se reportó al Departamento de Policía un accidente en calle E. Lake y la avenida S. Mahon en donde Cailin Chapman Jense y Elizabeth Marie Spiva, estudiante de Tyler Junior College quienes estuvieron vinculados.

mientras no se encuentre en un cruce peatonal, no es necesariamente así.

El principal patrón de accidentalidad entre peatones y automóviles es debido a la falta de atención de quienes transitan alrededor y en las vías del campus de TJC.

golpear a el estudiante, el estudiante fue quien chocó con el automóvil"

Algunas de las recomendaciones que ofreció Melton a la comunidad de TJC es la debida atención a la hora de cruzar la calle mirando hacia los dos costados.

"Mientras la cabeza de los estudiantes se encuentra abajo, ellos no prestan atención y no comprueban antes de cruzar la calle."

- Randy Melton
Jefe de policía, Tyler junior College

De igual manera, los conductores tienes que reducir la velocidad al transitar por el campus y prestar atención a su entorno con el objetivo de evitar accidentes.

En caso de emergencia comuníquese con la estación de policial al teléfono 903 510 2258. Cualquier otra información llame al teléfono 903 510 2258.

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ELIZABETH MARIE SPIVA FUE INTERROGADA ACERCA DE LO OCURRIDO Spiva relató que el brillo de sol obstaculizó su visibilidad y terminó golpeando a Cailin Chapman Jense quien pasaba hacia la otra acera.

los que tienen el derecho al paso, sin embargo,

CAILIN CHAPMAN JENSE FUE RAPIDAMENTE ATENDIDO

Después de lo ocurrido, Jense fue trasladado rápidamente en una ambulancia del Centro Medico del Este de Texas (East Texas Medical Center)

"En este caso, en lugar de que el coche

Car that hit student in front of Pirtle had the right of way

By Alejandra Hurtado
Spanish Editor

At exactly 9:04 a.m. on Apr. 22, TJC student, Elizabeth Marie Spiva, age 22 was a driver involved in a vehicle vs pedestrian accident with another TJC student, at the curve and intersection between E. Lake Street and S. Mahon Avenue, in front of the Pirtle Technology building. According to police reports, the sunlight hampered Spiva's visibility who ended up hitting Cailin Chapman Jense,

"We don't want anyone to get hurt, but from what I see many students cross the streets not paying attention, the cars have the right of way."

- Chief Randy Melton
Director of Campus Police, Tyler Junior College

age 19.

Jense, who was walking along the east walkway of S. Mahon Avenue heading south, decided to go to the other carriageway, however, according to the official police report, Jense did not give way to Spiva's car, resulting in the accident. Later, Jense was taken to the East Texas Medical Center.

"I'm glad that they weren't seriously hurt, but these things are avoidable. This can be prevented if you pay attention," said the head of campus police, Randy Melton.

The spot is a busy area on campus not only for students who take classes at the Pirtle Technology building or those who eat at Subway; it is a designated smoking area and close to some of the tennis courts.

"There is no stop sign at this inter-

"In this case the student that got hit, instead of the car hitting a student the student ran into the car."

- Chief Randy Melton
Director of Campus Police, Tyler Junior

section, and, eastbound traffic on E. Lake must take a left, northbound, turn at the intersection," according to the information provided by Texas Peace Officer's

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- Chief Randy Melton
Director of Campus Police, Tyler Junior College

Crash Report. "There is no marked cross walk at this intersection."

"The street signs are regulated by the city of Tyler, and not Tyler Junior college since these are public streets," said Melton.

According to Melton, there are many who have the misconception that pedestrians always have the right of way,

"It goes down to the drivers, they need to slow down and pay attention to their surroundings."

- Chief Randy Melton
Director of Campus Police, Tyler Junior College

however, if they are not on a crosswalk, it is not necessarily the case.

The main pattern of accidents between pedestrians and cars is due to the lack of attention of those who travel around and on roads of the TJC campus. In this case, the pedestrian is at fault.

Some of the recommendations offered by Melton to the TJC community are to pay attention when crossing the street, looking both ways. Similarly, drivers must slow down around campus and pay attention to their environment in order to avoid accidents.

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Charolette's Web

Stanley's is hosting PURPLE with special guest Babe at 8 p.m. on May 6. The Texas trio is a musical group known to encompass reggae, funk, pop, rock and hip hop musical styles. They will denote their sophomore album, Bodacious. Tickets are currently \$5. For more information go to Stanleysfamous.com.

PURPLE with special guest Babe

A wine tasting contest and raffle drawing event for ages 21 and older. Event will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 7. The location will be Martin Walker Law Firm in Tyler, TX. Business and cocktail attire are highly recommended. Visit <http://sipinthecity.org/> for more information.

Sip in the City: The Chardonnay Edition

Coffee & Cars Tyler is a gathering of automotive enthusiasts who meet and share their passion for cars monthly. The enthusiasts meet by the courthouse in Tyler and will be having a gathering on May 8 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Coffee and Cars Downtown

Stanley's is hosting TJ Hammersley and Friends at 8 p.m. on May 13. This group of seasoned musicians offers a showcase of East Texas blues sound. For more information go to Stanleysfamous.com.

TJ Hammersley and Friends

Stanley's is hosting the Oil Boom at 8 p.m. on May 20. If you like the grittiness of Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, The Black Keys, R.L. Burnside and good, loud garage-rock guitar in general, Oil Boom is for you. Tickets are \$5. For more information go to Stanleysfamous.com.

Oil Boom

Stanley's is hosting the John Fullbright concert at 8 p.m. on May 21 at the Liberty Hall Theatre. Tickets are \$20 and \$15 and VIP Box seats \$125 and each box admits four. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

John Fullbright concert

Stanley's is hosting the Val's SHOWcase at 7 p.m. on May 21. Val's show case is a performing arts mentoring program put together by vocal coach Valerie Dass, with the goal to inspire local performing artists in the East Texas area. There is no cost for this event. For more information go to Stanleysfamous.com.

Val's SHOWcase

Stanley's is hosting Graham Wilkinson at 8 p.m. on May 27. Graham is from Austin and performs rock music. Tickets are \$5. For more information go to Stanleysfamous.com.

Graham Wilkinson

Tuxedo Cats

The Tyler based band will be performing at the Republic Icehouse on May 13 at 8 p.m. For more information visit <http://toddrllee.com/events/>.

Senor Gringo

Stanley's is hosting the Senor Gringo at 8 p.m. on June 3. Latin jazz from Texas with Alex Blair on bass, Richard Callahan on guitar, Elbert Wright on percussion, Kevin Ewalt on drums, and Don Elbert on keyboard. The cost for this event is free. For more information go to Stanleysfamous.com.

Fit City 5K

On March 14 Chandler will host it's first Fit City 5K at Winchester Park, located on FM 315 South. Beginning at 8 a.m. and award ceremony will commence at 9:30 a.m. Register online or by mail. For additional information, call Linda Crocker at 903-849-3184.

Cheaters

Art's View Children's Theatre in Longview will be showing the teen production, "Cheaters". Auditions for the show are currently under way and will be announced soon. Tickets are \$10 if purchased online and \$12 at the door. Showings will be June 3 at 7 p.m., June 4 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Dyahn Stewart and the Eulogist

Stanley's is hosting the Edwin Holt's Red Clay Roadhouse Band at 8 p.m. on June 17. Dylan Stewart brings a Southern Gothic vibe to Oklahoma's growing Americana scene with his new band the Eulogists. A new and refreshing quartet, the Eulogists seamlessly bridge the gaps between folk, rock, and alt-country. For more information go to Stanleysfamous.com.

Edwin Holt's Red Clay Roadhouse Band

Stanley's is hosting the Edwin Holt's Red Clay Roadhouse Band at 8 p.m. on June 17. Holt started out 30 years ago performing in south Dallas clubs and juke joints. As his popularity in R&B circles grew, he and his 12-piece band headlined festivals as far as Australia sharing the stage with the legends such as B.B. King and Al Green. For more information go to Stanleysfamous.com.

Liberty Hall comedy festival

Liberty Hall Theatre will be hosting the fifth annual comedy festival taking place June 21 - 25. The festival will include a showing of "Spaceballs" and several stand-up comedians such as Paul Varghese, Chris Fairbanks, Michael

Winslow and many more. VIP passes are \$100 and only 84 will be sold. VIP's get admission to all events and priority seating on the first 4 rows of Liberty Hall. VIP access to food area (different restaurant every night). Meet and greet with performers (as allowed by talent) VIP lanyard and pass for easy access. Ticket prices and times vary. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

Lady Chazz and the Tramps

A contemporary band from Gladewater, TX will be hitting the stage on June 25 at The Backporch in Kilgore, TX. The show starts at 8p.m. For more information go to Facebook.com/LadyChazzAndTheTramps/.

Jaws

Liberty Hall Theatre will be showing "Jaws," a story of a great white shark terrorizing a small island community. The showing is at 7 p.m. on June 30 and tickets are available for \$7. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

Fireworks and Freedom Celebration

The City of Longview will hold the Fireworks and Freedom Celebration at Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Complex on July 4. There will be activities throughout the day, including amusement rides, food and beverages and a variety of entertainment, including vendors in the Exhibit Building, music acts, Patriotic Pup Fashion Show, hot dog races, numerous children's activities and much more, including free outdoor concerts. The festival opens at 11 a.m. and fireworks will start at 9:30 p.m. For more information call 903-237-1230.

The Bridge on the River Kwai

Liberty Hall Theatre will be showing "The Bridge on the River Kwai," a story of a British colonel who cooperates to oversee his men's construction of a railway bridge for their captors. The showing is at 7 p.m. on July 7 and tickets are available for \$7. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

The Longest Day

Liberty Hall Theatre will be showing "The Longest Day" the events of D-Day, told on a grand scale from both the Allied and German points of view. The showing is at 7 p.m. on July 17 and tickets are available for \$7. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

Sgt. Peppers Lonely Bluegrass Band

Liberty Hall Theatre is hosting "Sgt. Peppers Lonely Bluegrass Band," a modern bluegrass band that plays and sings the songs of the Beatles. The showing is at 8 p.m. on July 16 and tickets are available for \$15 to \$20 and VIP box seats are available for \$150, seating 4 per box. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

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The Great Escape

Liberty Hall Theatre will be showing "The Great Escape," the story of allied P.O.W.s plan for several hundred of their number to escape from a German camp during World War II. The showing is at 7 p.m. on July 21 and tickets are available for \$7. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

TEAZUR

Specializing in covering songs from the 70's, 80's and 90's, rock band TEAZUR will be playing at Circle M Crawfish in Big Sandy on July 23 at 7 p.m. more information on TEAZUR can be found at <https://www.reverbnation.com/teazur>.

From Here to Eternity

Liberty Hall Theatre will be showing "From Here to Eternity," the story of a private is cruelly punished for not boxing on his unit's team, while his captain's wife and second in command are falling in love. The showing is at 7 p.m. on July 28 and tickets are available for \$7. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

Aladdin

Liberty Hall Theatre will be showing "Aladdin," the story of a street rat who finds a genie in a magic lamp and changes his life as he tries to win over the beautiful princess. The showing is at 10 a.m. on July 30 and tickets are available for \$7. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

Sixteen Candles

Liberty Hall Theatre will be showing "Sixteen Candles," the story of how young girl's "sweet sixteenth" birthday becomes anything but special as she suffers from every embarrassment possible. The showing is at 7 p.m. on Aug. 4 and tickets are available for \$7. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

Rose City Farmers Market

On Saturday, August 6 Juls Restaurant in Tyler will host the Rose City Farmers Market. Local artists and artisans fill the parking lot on the first Saturday of each month. Unlike a traditional Farmer's Market, this market will also include local artists selling their art and handcrafts, and listening to music. Artists and farmers will be selling their goods from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Breakfast Club

Liberty Hall Theatre will be showing "The Breakfast Club," the story of how five high school students, all different stereotypes, meet in detention, where they pour their hearts out to each other, and discover how they have a lot more in common than they thought. The showing is at 7 p.m. on Aug. 11 and tickets are available for \$7. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

Pretty in Pink

Liberty Hall Theatre will be showing "Pretty in Pink," the story of A poor girl must choose between the affections of her doting childhood sweetheart and a rich but sensitive prepster. The showing is at 7 p.m. on Aug. 11 and tickets are available for \$7. For more information go to <http://www.libertytyler.com/ComeSeeAShow>.

Ink Life Tour

The annual Ink Life Tour will be held in Longview at the Maude Cobb Convention and Activities center on August 12-14. Wristbands to enter the event are \$25 daily or \$40 for the entire weekend. The tour will host multiple novelty store items, hold multiple tattoo contests(including on sight tattoo contests) and concerts on Friday and Saturday night. On sight tattooing is done daily. Doors open at 9 a.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



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water for over 15 hours at that point.

"I thought about an important meeting I had to fly to on Monday. A voice mocked me, telling me that I didn't need to worry about the meeting because I'd be dead," said Metke. "I started repeating 'Donna, Jennifer, John' — we had a five-year-old son as well — over and over during the night to block the voices and focus my thinking."

After that long in open sea, the chances of survival were slim.

"In addition, a shark fishing tournament was going on nearby. The searchers in private planes had sighted so many sharks that one of them said it looked as if I could have walked to shore on their backs. People on shore believed it unlikely my body would ever be found," said Metke.

In the early morning hours of the next day, which happened to be Father's Day, while on top of a big wave, he spotted shore and was sure what he was seeing was real this

time.

"The heat of the sun cleared my thinking. My spirits lifted and I told myself I'd find a way to survive," said Metke.

Working against the tide and currents, he made slow progress and it took 10 more hours. Finally, after swimming 43 miles and spending 28 hours in the water, Metke crawled out of the ocean and collapsed on the warm sand. A fisherman named Roy Guerra found him.

When Donna and Jennifer landed in Houston, Metke had been missing for over 30 hours. The attendant at the airport got word to them that a body had been recovered. In the confusion, one vital detail was lost: the fact that he was still alive. Donna and Jennifer went to the chapel in the airport seeking some comfort.

"So when I finally made shore, Roy took me to a coastguard station. They wanted to helicopter me out and I didn't want to go to a hospital, I just wanted to go home,"

said Metke. "So I told them, to take me to the nearest Whataburger, my favorite place, and I'll have somebody pick me up."

In the days and weeks that followed, people around the world read about his unlikely survival in publications from USA Today to the National Enquirer and sent him notes and letters. He recovered quickly but the prolonged exposure made him dread getting cold. For several years, he would shake uncontrollably if he got even a slight chill, but that went away eventually.

"I've never had any flashbacks or bad dreams, and I've never forgotten how fortunate I am," said Metke. "I don't believe that my experience changed much about who I am, but it did make me more conscious of how I spend my time. Maybe some of us need a reminder that life is fragile and doesn't last forever, to help us enjoy and appreciate how glorious it is."

METKE LESSONS

Lesson #1 Life is brief and time is fleeting. How I spend my time can either enrich or impoverish my life. I went back and got a doctorate, changed jobs, helped start South Texas College and then moved across the country to do what I can to help a good college called Lake Washington Technical College become a great one.

Lesson #2 My family is first forever. In the water, I was so cold, numb, tired and irrational that I wanted to let go. Repeating the names of my family gave me focus and strength. When I've had to push issues that are important to my college and its students and persevere through the criticism of others, I have drawn strength from my family.

Lesson #3 My mind grows by what it feeds on. TV, video games and office gossip may be entertaining as you drift through life, but there are better experiences to be had. The shared adventures our family has had have brought us very close. We've explored the major ruins in Mexico, Guatemala and Peru, gone diving along the Yucatan coast, Palau and the Galapagos, and climbed mountains here and on other continents. We are continually planning new trips and our grown children still want to join us. We talk to our daughter and grandchildren every day, and our son, who is on the other side of the world, calls or e-mails almost as often.

Lesson #4 Take time to enjoy, celebrate and cherish the extra time you

have and treat each day as the special gift that it is. Jennifer asked me whether I often think about that Father's Day. The truth is that I seldom think about the events of that weekend, but I often think about all the wonderful things that have happened since. It scares me that I nearly missed the best years of my life. I almost missed my daughter's marriage, the birth of two perfect grandsons, the bond that's developed between my son and me as adults, the rediscovered closeness with my family and all the adventures and new friends my wife and I have discovered in this incredible part of the country.

Lesson #5 Don't be afraid to grow old. As a young adult, my favorite poet was Robert Browning who said "Come grow old along with me, the best is yet to be." I am forever thankful that I have been able to experience the joys of growing older and validate that these years are indeed the best. The time spent with my wife and our adult children as well as with family and friends is priceless, but the most fun is introducing our grandchildren to my favorite activities. The most rewarding title I know is "Grandpa" and being proclaimed your grandson's favorite super hero is the best of all. I spent two days in Texas last week with Grandson Adam and taught him how to ride a scooter. He called me twice today to report how far he can go on it and to tell me that he is learning to swim. We don't all get to grow old and most of us don't get a second chance at life. These days I'm trying to do things right the first time.

REDSHIRT

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playing y'all's six games?" And I said yes sir, and he said 'all right y'all are good to go,'" said Wooten.

"The assistant coach in this gym[OHPE] was on his phone the whole time," said Decorian Grayson, freshman tryout attendee

Though head coach Mike Marquis believes that he is doing these kids a favor and helping them reach their goal by having this redshirt class and an annual tryout, the only one benefiting from all of this is the bank account of the men's basketball program.

"We're trying to help as many kids as we can. Most colleges want to have a tryout they only have for their self. But I know we can't help all the kids that want to go on and play, so I started for years now, to have invited kids, and now a lot of times the schools that were here will invite their kids and I already know that's happened out of this tryout-schools have invited me to come their to tryouts," said head coach Mike Marquis.

Though head coach Marquis believes that his program is doing the local kids good by holding subpar tryouts and a redshirt class, the coach is not showing the kids the light of day after the first couple of weeks.

"I felt it was a scam and a waste of time. They were just looking for money," said Grayson.

"In the beginning, he taught us stuff, then close to the end it was just like you come into a pick-up game. You come or not he(coach Edwards) would be on his phone," said Darnelle Odom freshman former redshirt player.

With the current team in flux this upcoming off-season, coming off yet another poor year under head coach Marquis, one would think that the team would be more open to the redshirt program. Its promises, however, fall short.



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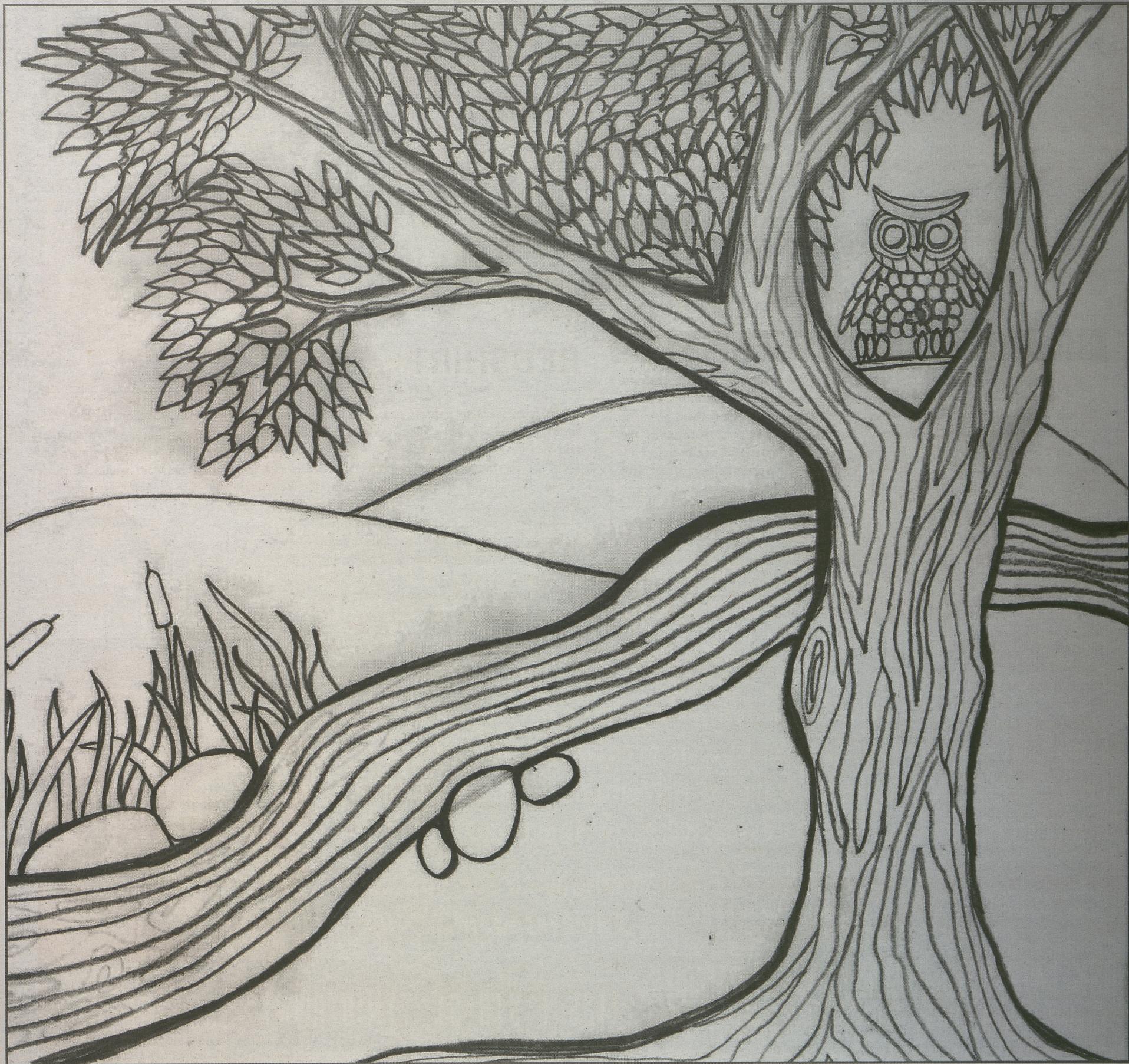
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Roast Social Kitchen is a Fresh Casual restaurant concept created & designed in Tyler. **RSK** combines counter & full service in a unique & fun atmosphere.



RSK features Chef prepared shareable starters, seasonal fresh soups & salads, classic or signature brick oven pizzas, & delightful desserts. Our selections are made from scratch daily and prepared quickly in our open kitchen. Watch your pizza cook in our rotating brick oven or admire local artists' work.

RSK has a distinct bar featuring tap, craft & barrel aged signature cocktails, tap wine & a great selection of local & craft beer. We look forward to introducing ourselves to you and extending our offerings as we grow together.

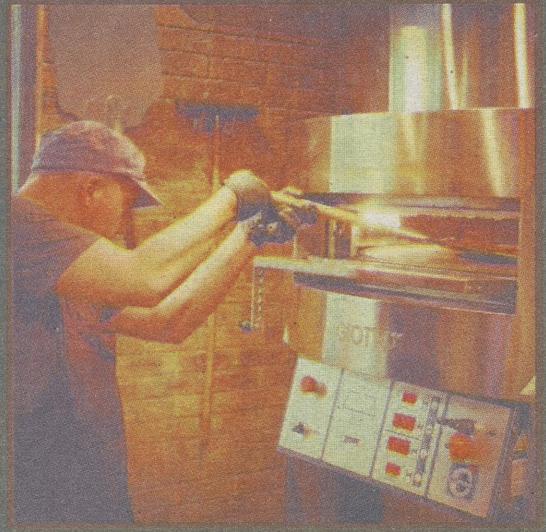


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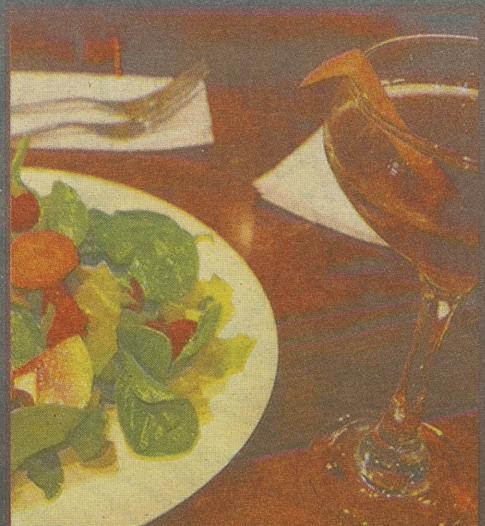
RSK LATE NITE PIZZAS #PIESNOTFRIES
SERVING: FRIDAY UNTIL 1AM & SATURDAY UNTIL 2AM

hours

MON-THU: 11AM-10PM
FRIDAY: 11AM-1 AM
SATURDAY: 11AM-2 AM



We hope to see you soon.
Cheers! -Jen & Nick



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